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The Honorable

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the Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:-

The Office has the honor to recommend that the $\frac{1}{2}$ NW/4, the SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 2; the NW/4 SE/4 Sec. 12, S/2 S/2 Sec. 26; the SE/4 SE/4, and the SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 28; the E/2 Sec. 34, and the W/2 W/2 Sec. 34, T. 11 N., R. 17 W., of the San Bernardino Meridian, containing 880 acres, be temporarily reserved and set aside for the use of the El Tejon band of Indians, Kern County, California.

In this connection attention is invited to the enclosed letter dated September 21, 1916, from Special Commissioner J. J. Terrell, setting forth in detail the land condition and need of these Indians, and suggesting that if possible certain lands be set aside at the earliest possible date.

Attention is also invited to the letter of the Department dated October 25, 1916, to the Attorney General, recommending the institution of a suit to protect these Indians in the lands now occupied by them.

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However, should the United States be unsuccessful in this suit, the Office believes it would be advantageous to have the foregoing lands reserved for the use of the Indians. Since it is not now certain that they will be ejected, the Office believes that at present only a temporary withdrawal is necessary.

A letter, dated October 26, 1916, from the Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office shows that the lands above described are vacant.

Respectfully
(Signed) C. F. Hawke

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Chief Clerk.

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Approved and referred to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for action in accordance with the foregoing recommendations.

(Sgd.) BO SWEENEY.
Assistant Secretary

1916 SECRETARIAL ORDER TEMPORARILY RESERVING LANDS FOR THE EL TEJON BAND OF INDIANS